

MY HEART, MY HEART IS SINKING.

From Heine's Book of Songs. My heart, my heart is sinking, As the May awakes in green, I stand high up on the rampart, With my back to a lind tree.

ROSSINI'S "MESSE SOLENNELLE."

With the half-affected modesty peculiar to him, Rossini called his latest work "petite." The term will not hold. Neither in dimensions nor in character is the "Messe Solennelle" a little thing. In sacred music it is its author's masterpiece.

Written at Passy in 1863, this work was first performed on March 13, 1864, at the house of Count Pillet-Will, before an invited audience of some two hundred and fifty persons.

melodious, but its structure is flimsy and its themes commonplace. The French critics have almost unanimously passed quickly over this work, but they dwell long and lovingly upon the "Qui tollis, dona nobis pacem."

These terms are but a little too strong for what is really a great and noble effort. Truly, the "maker of melodies" was a maker of moods and something more.

Moreover, he appears thoroughly in love with his work. When a dominant pedal strikes in a long diminuendo, and the long succession of rich and beautiful harmonies, the master seems drawing to an end. Not so, however; a few bars before coming back to the tonic crescendo begins, and upon a full close the fugue starts again as vigorously as ever, finishing at length with a magnificent coda heralded by the voices alone repeating "Gloria in excelsis."

Rossini's "Credo" is also in several movements, but each is closely associated with the rest, and the act of faith is kept well before the mind by a frequent repetition in full chorus of the word "Credo."

Broken only by brief chords from the orchestra, the act of the master's most impressive devices. In the part for soprano, "Credo in unum Deum," we meet with little save repetitions. Though not equal to its predecessor, this fugue shows some excellent points.

While permitting us to recognize the master with whom everybody is familiar, it shows him partially clad in the sober garments of a church composer. With undoubted Rossinianism is mixed up that which we did not before know to be Rossinian at all.

As now published the Mass consists of fourteen numbers, including an "O Salutaris" not heard at the first performance, having since been made part of the work.

In England, according to the official medical records, softening of the brain has late years rapidly increased. In the ten years 1857-66, 11,685 deaths were registered in England and Wales from this disease.

It is remarkable that the mortality from apoplexy and paralysis respectively has from 1857 to 1866 increased in equal proportions to 1,000,000 persons living, the proportion from apoplexy being 439 in 1857 and 490 in 1866, that from paralysis being 77 in 1857 and 80 in 1866.

from other brain diseases undisturbed 207 in 1857 and 207 in 1866. The actual numbers of deaths registered in England and Wales from diseases of the brain and nervous system in the year 1857 and 1866 respectively were 51,619 and 61,164, viz: cephalitis, 3392 and 4146; apoplexy, 8378 and 10,297; paralysis, 8914 and 10,504; insanity, 403 and 450; chorea, 44 and 63; epilepsy, 2193 and 2468; convulsions, 24,532 and 27,431; brain diseases undisturbed, 3963 and 5605.

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JACOB L. WENDELL, of Philadelphia, bankrupt, having petitioned for his discharge, a meeting of creditors was held on the twenty-second day of April, 1869, at 3 o'clock P. M., before Register Wm. McWm. FEARL, Esq., at No. 510 WALNUT STREET, in the city of Philadelphia.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., deceased.

THE AUDITOR appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and close the accounts of JOHN THOMAS, JR., late of the said estate, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the said JOHN THOMAS, JR., at the meeting of the creditors, for the purpose of his account, is held on TUESDAY, April 27, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the Office, No. 42 WALNUT STREET, in the city of Philadelphia.

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